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MEDICAID MEMO

TO: All Providers and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)
Participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program

FROM: Patrick W. Finnerty, Director
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MEMO Special
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SUBJECT: Termination of Erectile Dysfunction Drug Coverage for Medicaid
Enrollees – Effective January 1, 2006

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify providers that, effective January 1, 2006, Virginia Medicaid will no longer cover Erectile Dysfunction (ED) drugs under its pharmacy benefits program.

Federal legislation has been passed that ends Medicaid payments for ED drugs as of January 1, 2006. Virginia Medicaid will terminate coverage of these drugs on this date. Virginia Medicaid currently covers ED drugs with a quantity limit of four doses per 30-day period, except for registered sex offenders (see the [June 3, 2005 Medicaid Memorandum](#) for more details).

Beginning January 1, 2006, when submitting claims at point-of-sale (POS), pharmacy providers will see the Medicaid coverage denial reason, "NDC Not Covered," and reimbursement will not be allowed. Virginia Medicaid will continue to allow reimbursement for the Phosphodiesterase 5 Inhibitor (Revatio) for pulmonary arterial hypertension patients.

Pharmacy and medical providers may contact DMAS to obtain more information on this coverage restriction.

ELIGIBILITY AND CLAIMS STATUS INFORMATION

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option (ARS) to access information regarding Medicaid or FAMIS eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, prior authorization, and pharmacy prescriber identification. The website address to use to enroll for access to this system is <http://virginia.fhsc.com>. The MediCall voice response system will provide the same information and can be accessed by calling 1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider.

COPIES OF MANUALS

DMAS publishes electronic and printable copies of its Provider Manuals and Medicaid Memoranda on the DMAS website at www.dmas.virginia.gov. Refer to the Provider Column to find Medicaid and SLH (State and Local Hospitalization Program) Provider Manuals or click on “Medicaid Memos to Providers” to view Medicaid Memoranda. The Internet is the most efficient means to receive and review current provider information. If you do not have access to the Internet or would like a paper copy of a manual, you can order it by contacting Commonwealth-Martin at 1-804-780-0076. A fee will be charged for the printing and mailing of the manuals and manual updates requested.

“HELPLINE”

The “HELPLINE” is available to answer questions Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on state holidays. The “HELPLINE” numbers are:

1-804-786-6273	Richmond area and out-of-state long distance
1-800-552-8627	All other areas (in-state, toll-free long distance)

Please remember that the “HELPLINE” is for provider use only. Please have your Medicaid Provider Identification Number available when you call.

PROVIDER E-NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP

DMAS is pleased to inform providers about the creation of a new Provider E-Newsletter. The intent of this electronic newsletter is to inform, communicate, and share important program information with providers. Covered topics will include changes in claims processing, common problems with billing, new programs or changes in existing programs, and other information that may directly affect providers. If you would like to receive the electronic newsletter, please sign up at www.dmas.virginia.gov/pr-provider_newletter.asp.

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